

AMENDMENTS OF THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a display screen configured for movement between a first position and a second position, wherein the display screen at least partially covers a control switch ~~and/or a display unit~~ when the display screen is in the second position; and

a control device configured to display an image of a selection button corresponding to the control switch on the display screen being in the second position, and to offer functionality of the control switch and/or display information from the display unit on the display screen in the second position based on the user's touching the selection button, the operation of the control switch being unavailable based on the display screen being in the second position.

2. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the control device displays on the display screen an image that has an appearance identical to or that resembles the appearance of the control switch ~~or information from said display unit~~.

3. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control device displays an image on said display screen that changes the surface dimensions of said control switch ~~and information from said display unit~~.

4. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a position-detection device which detects the position of said display screen, wherein said control device offers functionality of the control switch ~~and/or displays information from the display unit~~ on the display screen based on the position detected by the position-detection device.

5. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a switch-display-instruction-receiving device which receives a switch-display instruction from a user for switching a display on the display screen; wherein said control device offers functionality of the control switch ~~and/or displays information from the display unit~~ on the display screen based on the instruction received by the switch-display-instruction-receiving device.

6. (previously presented) The apparatus of according to claim 1, further comprising:

a movement-control device which controls the movement of said display screen.

7. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said display screen is associated with a panel member that is a storage-type panel member.

8. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said display screen is associated with a panel member is a rotation-type panel member.

9. (currently amended) A method comprising:

moving a display screen from a first position to a second position, wherein the display screen at least partially covers a control switch ~~and/or a display unit~~ when the display screen is in the second position; and

displaying an image of a selection button corresponding to the control switch on the display screen being in the second position, and offering functionality of the control switch and/or displaying information from the display unit on the display screen in the second position based on the user's touching the selection button, the operation of the control switch being unavailable based on the display screen being in the second position.

10. (currently amended) A recording medium readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program executable by the computer to perform a method, the method comprising:

activating a movement control device to move a display screen from a first position to a second position, wherein the display screen at least partially covers a control switch ~~and/or a display unit~~ when the display screen is in the second position; and

displaying an image of a selection button corresponding to the control switch on the display screen being in the second position, and offering functionality of the control switch and/or displaying information from the display unit on the display screen in the second position based on the user's touching the selection button, the operation of the control switch being unavailable based on the display screen being in the second position.

11. (new) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein an operation of the control switch is available by a user's press.

12. (new) The method according to claim 9, wherein an operation of the control switch is available by a user's press.

13. (new) The recording medium readable by a computer according to claim 10, wherein an operation of the control switch is available by a user's press.